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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO CARACAS BY FEDERAL EXECUTIVE
INSTITUTE (FEI)

REF: STATE 251922

1. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO FEI VISIT NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 5,
ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN THE VISIT EITHER IN THE

US OR IN VENEZUELA, THAT NO CIA OFFICIALS BE INCLUDED IN THE FEI
GROUP VISITING VENEZUELA, AND THAT THE GROUP NOT INVOLVE ITSELF IN
ANY MATTER CONCERNING PETROLEUM (EXCEPT FOR INTERNAL BRIEFING),
OWING TO THE GREAT SENSITIVITY OF THIS SUBJECT AS NATIONALIZATION
IMPENDS. FOR THIS REASONS WE WOULD PREFER THE GROUP NOT VISIT
MARACAIBO.

2. SPECIAL EMBASSY RATES AT HILTON HOTEL ARE BS 100 FOR SINGLE,
BS 132 FOR DOUBLE; AT TAMANACO BS 110 FOR SINGLE, BS 130 FOR DOUBLE.
(ONE DOLLAR EQUALS BS 4.28). CURRENT PER DIEM RATE FOR VENEZUELA
IS 43 DOLLARS. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP WHAT HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE
DESIRED AS SPACE AT BOTH HILTON AND TAMANACO IS TIGHT.

3. FOR SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30 GROUP COULD TAKE TOUR EITHER OF CARACAS,
CARACAS - COLONIA TOVAR (MOUNTAIN RESORT), OR CARACAS - MARACAY
(INDUSTRIAL CITY). COST OF 14-SEATER BUS FOR EIGHT HOURS IS BS 250
(CARACAS), BS 300 (CARACAS - COLONIA TOVAR) AND BS 400 (CARACAS -
MARACAY).

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4. WE WILL BE GLAD OFFER BRIEFING TO GROUP AT EMBASSY MONDAY

MORNING DECEMBER 1. WE ARE SEEKING ARRANGE BRIEFING FOR GROUP AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, IN MANNER SIMILAR TO LAST VISIT, AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 1 OR ON DECEMBER 2. INCLUDED IN THIS BRIEFING WOULD BE REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GOV MINISTRIES. REMAINDER OF THESE DAYS WE WOULD SCHEDULE INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS FOR THE FEI VISITORS WITH GOV OFFICIALS IN AREAS OF THEIR INTEREST.

5. WE SUGGEST GROUP VISIT CIUDAD GUAYANA DECEMBER 3 AND RETURN IN TIME FOR DEPARTURE DECEMBER 5. WE ARE EXPLORING WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY POSSIBILITY OF MINISTRY ARRANGING A FLIGHT TO CIUDAD GUAYANA AND BACK OR, THAT FAILING, A PROGRAM LAID ON BY THE CORPORACION VENEZOLANA DE GUAYANA.

6. AMBASSADOR WILL BE GLAD TO HOST A RECEPTION AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE FOR FEI GROUP DURING ITS VISIT.

7. WILL PROVIDE AVAILABLE CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS IN CARACAS NIGHT NOVEMBER 29 AS SOON AS THEY CAN BE DETERMINED.

8. FSO J. CLAGETT TAYLOR IS CONTROL OFFICER FOR FEI VISIT.
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